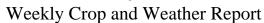


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# Maryland





August 7, 2006

## **Hot Conditions Difficult on Crops**

Some **field crops** are showing signs of stress due to the hot and dry conditions last week. More rain is needed to further crop development. Corn was rated in mostly good to excellent condition while soybeans were in fair to good condition for the week ending August 6th. Both crops have continued to progress steadily as corn is now 55 percent dough and 13 percent dent. Warm temperatures have aided soybeans as 35 percent have set pods; just slightly ahead of the 30 percent five-year average. Soybean condition was rated 3 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 52 percent good and 16 percent excellent. There were **6.7 days suitable for field work.** 

**Vegetables** have been aided by warm temperatures as they continue to mature. Processed lima beans are 72 percent harvested; well ahead of the 39 percent five-year average. **Fruits** are still in mostly good condition. Peaches were rated 12 percent fair, 80 percent good, and 8 percent excellent.

**Pasture** conditions were rated 4 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 9 percent excellent while **hay** supplies were rated 6 percent very short, 14 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

#### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6, 2006

Item		This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005	
Field Crops		•				
Corn:	Dough	55	24	46	47	
	Dent	13	2	5	11	
Soybeans:	Blooming	67	29	61	53	
	<b>Setting Pods</b>	35	11	28	30	
<u>Hay</u>						
Alfalfa Hay	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	55	38	78	61	
	4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	5	2	14	7	
Other Hay	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	82	77	97	88	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	10	5	27	26	
Vegetables Ha	arvested					
Cantaloups		48	33	56	49	
Cucumbers		58	45	80	59	
Lima Beans		72	67	63	39	
Potatoes		64	59	52	54	
<b>Snap Beans</b>		72	61	88	67	
Sweet Corn		65	37	60	58	
Tomatoes		41	31	37	39	
Watermelon	S	36	13	40	33	
Fruits Harves	<u>ted</u>					
Apples		20	15	15	11	
Peaches		68	46	40	40	

#### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6, 2006

	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture			
Condition by Percent	This	Last	Average	This	Last	Average	
	Week	Week	2001-2005	Week	Week	2001-2005	
Very Short	17	5	11	13	2	14	
Short	28	19	24	18	22	18	
Adequate	53	66	53	67	67	60	
Surplus	2	10	11	2	9	8	

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## WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6, 2006

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland	WCCK	oun 1	Since dun 1				110111111
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	20.38	-4.06	100	64	85	9
Frederick	0.02	23.64	-0.26	99	64	84	11
Frostburg	0.15	21.45	-8.22	89	58	76	9
Hagerstown	0.00	20.91	-2.49	96	64	82	8
Mechanicsville	0.00	22.48	-4.95	98	64	82	7
Patuxent River	0.00	16.59	-8.42	100	65	86	11
Ocean City	0.00	16.87	-10.13	100	64	85	10
Salisbury	0.16	23.41	-3.67	97	56	82	6
Sharpsburg	0.02	23.00	-0.90	98	60	80	8
Stevensville	0.00	23.38	-1.91	97	65	85	9
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	28.65	5.72	101	72	87	8
Delaware							
Dover	0.00	24.07	-2.05	97	66	84	7
Georgetown	0.03	25.19	-0.82	100	64	84	8
Wilmington	0.00	28.14	3.05	96	64	83	7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M. on recorded date.

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